THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The nose landing gear was broken and the nose under-carriage area sustained substantial damage.

Resentment against selection of technology for main Telephone Exchanges

*152. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Engineers of the Department of Telecommunications and the ITI have been resenting Government's decision in the selection of technology for main telephone exchanges which, according to their view, would gravely jeopardise the National Telecommunication Mission; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the nature of the controversy and the reasons for selectig the technology ignoring the views of the Telecom Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Study of Sanskrit as an independent subject

*153. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the removal of Sanskrit as an optional Subject under the three language formula in the New Education Policy, Government have considered the question of its affect on the Sanskrit departments and institutions of higher learning in the country besides development of Sanskrit language;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for taking such a decision; and

(c) whether Government propose to re-cosider the decision to provide for the study of Sanskrit language as an independent subject?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The National Policy on Education 1986 has reiterated the policy in respect of languages including three language formula contained in the National Policy on Education 1968.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Central Government is not considering any change in the three language formula.

Construction of New Airports

*154. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct new airports and improve the condition of existing ones, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the places selected for constructing new airports in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) New airports are under construction at Agatti and Calicut. Subject to availability of resources, it is proposed to develop new airports at Gangtok, Itanagar, Kishtwar, Lunglei, Misa, Pondicherry, Rajouri, Salem, Tura and Tuticorin.

While the expansion and improvement of airports is a continuing process, it is